

and Organizer Chas. H. Tanner will be found inside.

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The insolent contempt of Big Business for the LAW is well illustrated in the forcible deportation from the state of Michigan of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners.

While stories from Houghton county give credit to the so-called Citizens' Alliance for this outrage, the fact is that most of the members of that business organization are the little business men, the pikers of Houghton, Hancock and Calumet, who are mere tools of the mine managers under the absolute domination of James McNaughton, manager of the Calumet & Hecla mine properties, and overlord of the Michigan copper country.

Ever since the copper miners went on strike on July 23, McNaughton has ruled the copper country with a rod of iron.

He has at his beck and call a private army of hired thugs and gunmen recruited by detective strikebreaking agencies of New York, with headquarters in Chicago.

All these were sworn in as deputy sheriffs by Sheriff Cruse of Houghton county, who during all these months has permitted his office in Houghton to be made headquarters by Waddell, head of the Waddell-Mahon strikebreaking agency of New York.

Threats of forcible deportation were being made by gunmen back in September when I was in Calumet investigating the strike situation. And that was many weeks before any Citizens' Alliance was organized.

And when the mine managers herded their little business tools into a meeting and named the gang the Citizens' Alliance, the meeting ostensibly held to investigate and get at the truth of the strike situation, began by denouncing the Western Federation of Miners.

That is they found the union guilty and tried it afterward.

The deportation of Moyer and Tanner last night was as lawless a piece of business as if a delegation from the Federation had taken Manager McNaughton, shot him in the back, dragged him from Calumet to Houghton, put him on a train and shipped him out of the state.

It was known weeks ago that the Alliance members were making threats of forcible deportation of "undesirable citizens," and I had the honor of being classed as an undesirable citizen myself, when I went to Calumet last September and dared wire the truth to the people of this country.

Everybody up there but the members of the miners' union licks the hand of "Big Jim" McNaughton, and anybody who doesn't fall down and worship the big tin god of the copper country is an "undesirable citizen."

Weeks ago Circuit Judge O'Brien issued an injunction restraining the Citizens' Alliance from in any way interfering with Moyer or any of the

officers and members of the Western Federation of Miners.

This injunction was issued by Judge O'Brien on petition of President Moyer himself, who knew what the business anarchists were up to.

But the Alliance ignored the injunction yesterday. Members went to the Scott Hotel in Hancock, which is across the stream known as Portage lake, from Houghton. They took Moyer and Tanner, the latter an organizer for the Federation, dragged them across the bridge to Houghton, put them on a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train, which runs on the Copper Range Railroad, owned by the mine owners, and under guard deported them from the state of Michigan.